



Pets R Family Surgery Instructions

Pre-Op Bloodwork/ECG Appt (Optional)

Pre-operative bloodwork and ECG are recommended prior to the day of the planned procedure. The bloodwork assesses your pet's overall health: blood count percentage, blood glucose, kidney and liver function, and other parameters which may be adversely affected by anesthetic drugs. The pre-operative electrocardiogram is performed as a screening for cardiac abnormalities which may not be evident on physical exam.

Both of the pre-operative tests are typically optional. There may be some cases where bloodwork or ECG is required for your pet, based on their age, health, identified underlying conditions, and type of surgery that is being performed.

Surgery Appointment

The night before surgery: Your pet can have a normal meal the night before surgery. **NO FOOD OR TREATS AFTER 10PM.** Water is OK through the night, but should be picked up in the morning.

The morning of surgery: **DO NOT FEED.** If your pet takes regular medications, you may give the medication in the morning as long as you do not need to give it with food. *(Note, if your pet takes medication for anxiety, seizures, or pain, or diabetes, please check with the Doctor beforehand to determine if it should be given the morning of surgery, as certain drugs will affect our anesthetic choice.)*

ARRIVE AT THE HOSPITAL BETWEEN 7:30AM AND NO LATER THAN 8:30 AM FOR SURGERY DROP OFF.

If your pet is having a dental procedure, tumor removal, sedated procedure, or local anesthetic, they will go home the same day. Plan for your pet to stay most of the day. We will call as soon as the procedure is done and may alter your pick up time, but typically your pet will stay in recovery the majority of the day.

If your pet is having a spay, neuter, or invasive surgery we highly recommend they spend the night. Arrangements can be made to take them home that evening, but it will likely be the very end of the day.

After surgery, you will receive a call from the surgery technician with an update as to how your pet is doing and what time to pick up. You will have a consult with a technician at pick up that will go over the procedure and any medications and instructions to go home.